GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5657
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POSTING OF DOCTORS FOR RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of doctors in rural areas in the country to man the primary health care centres;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether as per the resolution of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare for rural posting for a specific-period is to be made compulsory before admission to post graduate courses to MBBS and MD courses;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether these conditions are being followed;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(g) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the conditions of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI N SANMUGAM)

(c) & (b) Yes Sir. There is a shortage of doctors in some of the Primary Health Centres in rural areas. Statement showing shortage of doctors in Primary Health Centres state-wise is annexed.

(a) & (d) The Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in its 6th conference held on 9-10 April 1999 had passed the resolution that the State/UT Governments may consider reserving a minimum twenty five per cent of Post-Graduate seats for in service Medical Officers who have put in minimum 3 years service in rural areas with a bond that they will serve Govt. for a minimum 5 years, and that the State Governments/UTs may take steps to fill up vacancies of specialists in CHCs, Medical Officers in PHCs by making rural service obligatory for 3 years.

(e) to (g) The State/UT Governments been requested to take action in pursuance of the resolutions adopted by CCH&FW. However, the appointment/posting of doctors in Primary Health Centres is the responsibility of respective State Governments. The Ministry regularly reviews the position and urges the State Governments to take appropriate steps to fill up the vacancies.

However, State Governments may not always proceed in this matter with a similar sense of urgency. Sometimes State Governments have their own problems.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE SHORTAGE OF DOCTORS OF DOCTORS IN PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRES, STATEWISE

Sl.No	States/UTs	Doctors at Primary Health Centre				
		Reqd(R)	Sanc(S)	In Position(P)	Vacant (S-P)	Shortfall (R-P)
						Date of latest QPA
1	Andhra Pradesh	1636	1895	1495	400	31.03.97
2	Arunachal Pr	45	31	31	Nil	14 31.12.94

3 Assam 619 584 584 Nil 35 31.12.91

4 Bihar 2209 2121 2121 Nil 88 31.03.95

5 Goa 17 106 100 6 31.12.98

6 Gujarat 967 990 940 50 27 31.12.98

7 Haryana 401 674 514 160 31.12.98

8 Himachal Pra 312 354 326 28 31.12.98

9 J & K 337 158 158 179 31.3.85

10 Karnataka 1601 2234 1883 351 31.12.98

11 Kerala 960 1317 1121 196 30.6.98

12 Madhya Pradesh 1690 1760 1469 291 221 30.6.98

13 Maharashtra 1699 3068 2993 75 31.3.98

14 Manipur 69 95 95 Nil 30.6.98

15. Meghalaya 85 96 86 10 30.6.98

16. Mizoram 38 38 41 30.6.98

17 Nagaland 33 29 29 - 4 31.3.95

18 Orissa 1352 2636 2351 285 31.3.91

19 Punjab 484 484 424 60 60 31.12.97

20 Rajasthan 1662 2200 1949 251 31.3.94

21 Sikkim 24 48 41 7 30.9.98

22 Tamil Nadu 1436 2899 2648 251 30.6.98

23 Tripura 58 161 120 41 30.6.94

24 Uttar Pradesh 3808 3787 2263 1524 1545 31.12.92

25 West Bengal 1556 1841 1547 294 9 31.3.95

26 A & N Islands 17 29 25 4 31.3.98

27 Chandigarh Nil Nil Nil Nil Nil 31.3.97

28 D & N Haveli 6 6 6 Nil Nil 31.12.98

29 Daman & Diu 3 1 1 Nil 2 31.12.98

30 Delhi 8 6 6 Nil 2 30.9.87

31 Lakshadweep 4 6 6 Nil 30.9.95

32 Pondicherry 43 45 45 Nil 30.9.95

All India 23179 29699 25418 4284 2186

Figures are provisional